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SUBJECT: UNFPA WHO EXPANDED RESEARCH PROJECT

1. UN FUND FOR POPULATION ACTIVITIES (UNFPA) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SALAS CALLED A MEETING JANUARY 23 OF MAJOR DONORS TO CONSIDER A RESPONSE TO THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO) REQUEST FOR EARLY TRANSMISSION OF THE

\$500,000 WHICH THE FUND AGREED TO CONTRIBUTE IN SUPPORT OF THE EXPANDED RESEARCH PROJECT. MEETING ATTENDED BY SALAS, GILLE, SADEK AND DONAYRE (OF UNFPA) AS WELL AS BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM CANADA, THE FRG, SWEDEN AND US.

2. FUND OFFICIALS PRESENTED BACKGROUND OF WHO PROJECT AND REASONS WHY CONTRIBUTION HELD IN ABEYANCE. ALSO REVIEWED WAS THE GENERAL UNFPA SUPPORT FOR WHO ACTIVITIES IN THE POPULATION FIELD. SALS ASKED DONORS TO CONSIDER APPROPRIATE ACTION IN THE LIGHT OF CURRENT BUDGETARY RESTRAINTS AND POINTED OUT THAT WITHIN THE 1976 PLANNED BUDGET OF \$74 MILLION ONLY \$2 MILLION REMAINED UNCOMMITTED. ANY PAYMENT TO WHO WOULD HAVE TO COME OUT OF THIS LATTER SUM.

3. SWEDEN STRONGLY SUPPORTED THE EXPANDED RESEARCH PROJECT AND TOUTED THIS APPROACH IN PREFERENCE TO A MULTIPLICITY OF SCATTERED, UNCOORDINATED AND INEFFICIENT PROJECTS IN THE POPULATION FIELD. THE WHO PROJECT WAS VIEWED AS IMPORTANT TO CONTRACEPTIVE METHODOLOGY AND USEFUL FOR EXPANDING THE

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DONOR BASE.

4. ALTHOUGH UNABLE TO EARMARK FUNDS FOR SPECIFIC ACTIVITY FRG SUPPORTED PAYMENT TO WHO OUT OF UNFPA'S CURRENT BUDGET. CANADA ALSO AGREED TO TRANSFER OF THE PROMISED SUM TO WHO. U.S. REPRESENTATIVE EXPRESSED THE PREVAILING VIEW WITHIN USG THAT \$500,000 BE TRANSFERRED TO WHO BUT THAT ANY FURTHER UNFPA FINANACIAL SUPPORT WOULD BE SUBJECT TO NEW NEGOTIATIONS.

5. SALAS PROMPTLY ACCEPTED THE CONSENSUS AND PROMISED TO EFFECT THE TRANSFER OF \$1/2 MILLION WITHIN A FEW DAYS. HE REPEATED WHAT HE HAD SAID AT THE UNDP'S 21ST GOVERNING COUNCIL LAST WEEK, NAMELY THAT AT THE 22ND SESSION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL HE WOULD RAISE THE SUBJECT OF PRIORITIES IN RELATION TO THE FINANCIAL LIMITATIONS FACING UNFPA IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

6. COMMENT: SALAS SEEMED EAGER TO HAVE DONOR BACKING FOR RESOLVING THIS LONG PENDING MATTER AND WAS NOT INTERESTED IN ANY HALF-WAY MEASURE SUCH AS A PARTIAL PAYMENT TO PRESERVE TEMPORARILY FISCAL FLEXIBILITY. END COMMENT.  
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